Where import content is high because of exchange rate adjustment and requirement of foreign exchange at market determined rates.

(c) Import duty on identified bulk drugs and intermediates has been reduced. In some drugs arid formulations, imports have been permitted at official exchange rate. These measures are expected to tackle the above situation substantially.

Closure of Fertilizer Units

1444. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER *be* pleas ed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of fertilizer plants in the public, joint or private sector have lately been closed or are on point of closure;

(b) if so, which of the fertilizer plants are sick and on brink of closure and which ones have closed down during the last one year, alongwith the reasons 'for closure plant-wise: and

(c) the number of employees and workers thrown out of employment of facing joblessness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) As on 31st May, 1992, about 41 plants in the private sector, producing single super phosphate (SSP) as shown in the Statement (see below), are reported to be temporarily closed. These plants are reported to be having liquidity problems caused by delays in the revision of subsidy taking into account cost escalations, arising out of increase in the cost of raw materials.

(c) While precise information on this subject is not readily available, roughly about 400 persons are employed in each standard-size integrated plant producing SSP and about 50 in each small scale plant.

Statement

SSP PRODUCTION STOPPED AS ON 31ST MAY, 1992

(A) *MAIN PLANTS*

1. Agro Chem, Punjab, Singhpura, Dera Bassi (Punjab)
2. Anil Starch Products, Bhavnagar (Gujarat)
3. Assam State Fert. & Chemicals, Chandrapur (Assam)
4. Bharat Fertiliser Industries, Kharivali Unit—II (Maharashtra)
   —do— Unit-III (Maharashtra)
5. East Coast Fertilisers & Chemi cals, Kalmo (Orissa)
6. Indag Products, Cuddalore (Tamil Nadu)
7. Jayshree Chemicals & Fert.; Pa-taudi (Haryana)
8. Krishna Industrial Corpn.; Nida-davole (Andhra Pradesh)
9. Mittal Fertilisers, Rae Bareilly (U.P.)
10. Rama Krishi Raseyan, Loni Kal-bhor (Maharashtra)
11. Shaw Wallace & Co.; Avadi (Tamil Nadu)
12. Sri Durga Bansal Fertilisers, Faizabad (U.P.)
13. Trimurtee Fertilisers, Kanpur Dehat (U.P.)
14. Unialkem Fert., Raisen (Madhya Pradesh)

SSI UNITS

15. Awadh Fertilizers, Bahraich (U.P.)
16. Brij Fertilisers, Shikohabad (UP)

17. Charotar Agro Chemicals, Kan-jari, Baroda (Gujarat)

18. Dee Bee Agro Products, Nagpur (Maharashtra)

19. Girraj Fertilisers & Chemicals, Shikohabad (UP)

20. Gujarat Superphosphate Industries, Ahmedabad (Gujarat)

21. Harshvardhan Chemicals & Minerals, Antervelia (MP)

22. Kaashi Urvarak, Lucknow (UP)

23. Madhuvan Chemicals & Fertilisers, Dabok (Rajasthan)

24. Madan Madhav Fertilisers & Chemicals, Fatehgarh (UP)

25. Modern Agro Chem., Alwalpur (Punjab)

26. Narmada Agro Chemicals, Man-grola (Gujarat)

27. Natraj Organics, Muza'ffarnagar (UP)

28. Neera Chemicals & Fertilizers, Ghaziabad (UP)

29. Nitin Chemicals & Fertilizers, Rukadi (Haryana)

30. Phosphate India, Bichhadi, Udai-pur (Rajasthan)

31. S. D. Fertilisers, Kanpur Dehat (UP)

32. Sarvottam Fertilisers, Allahabad (UP)

33. Shree Bihariji Fert., Kanpur De-hat (UP)

34. Shri Krishna Fert., Muzaffarpur (Bihar)

35. Shurvi Colour Chemicals, Udai-pur (Rajasthan)

36. Surya Phosphates, Kodarma (Bihar)

37. Suraj Garh Chem. & Pert., (P) Ltd., (Rajasthan)

38. Swastik Fertilisers, Indore (MP)

39. Tulsi Fertilisers, Patna (Bihar)

40. Vijay Fertilisers, Ghaziabad (UP)

41. Hindustan Farms & Fert. Raigad (Maharashtra)

Demands of Chemicals & Fertilizers

1445. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total demand of chemicals and fertilizers in the country; and

(b) whether there is reduction or increase in import of chemicals and fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The consumption of fertilizers and import in the country during the last three years were as under:—

(Figures in lakhs MTs)
(Nutrients)

	Consumption N+P + K	Import N + P+ K
1989-90.	115.68	31.14
1990-91 .	125.46	27.58
1991-92 . (Estimated)	13007	27- 69

No data in regard to the total demand of Chemicals in the country is being maintained' but value of imports for three years is given below and this indicates an increasing trend.

Year	Imports (Rs. crores)
19-90—91	4695-605
1989-90 .	4254.959
1988-89 .	3099-081